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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE (NETCOM/9TH ASC)

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# MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2006 – 2007 Holiday Safety Message

1. The upcoming holidays are some of the most celebrated holidays throughout the world because they truly exemplify the spirit of giving, life, and love. We ask everyone to remember our deployed Soldiers who cannot be with their family and friends to celebrate the holidays. On the eve of the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, the Command Sergeant Major and I remind all of the 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade family that we need you to return from the holiday season healthy and ready to execute our wide array of missions. We cannot afford to lose a single Soldier, Civilian, or Family member to senseless and preventable accidents.

2. Safety hazard awareness is a perishable commodity, but it is also the key to accident prevention. To avoid tragic holiday accidents, leaders must ensure our Soldiers and their supervisors correctly assess the potential risks associated with their holiday travel plans and activities. We must apply the same risk management standard (an informed decision at the appropriate level) to our holiday preparations and festivities as we do to our daily unit missions.

3. Brigade personnel traveling back to the United States to visit family and friends for the holidays, it is important to highlight POV travel reminders. For most of you it will have been some time since driving in the US, and upon your arrival the open road will beckon. That is why we ask all leaders to place special emphasis on POV accident prevention because POV fatalities remain one of the major killers of Soldiers. Soldiers and Civilians returning to CONUS are required provide contact numbers and addresses to their chain of command so that in the case of emergency we are able to assist. OCONUS travelers are required to do the same, please remain aware of restricted travel areas.


4. The Command Sergeant Major and I wish each of you and your families a very happy and safe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holiday. Don't be a Grinch ... Always remember that safety must never take a day off, it must become an integral and necessary part of everything we do. All the best to you and yours during this wonderful holiday season. Please be safe because I would hate to see you get a lump of coal in your stocking this Christmas.

5. "FIRST TO COMMUNICATE!"



  
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